

Madam Speaker, the Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church's story, is deeply rooted in our great Nation's origins. The Church has stood as a testament of faith for 240 years, and its storied history has earned the religious institution a standing in the National Registry for Historic Places. I look forward to what the next chapter has in store for the congregation and community.

**THANKING HUNTER LIPSCOMB
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE**

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my original staff members, Hunter Lipscomb, who started with me on my first campaign in 2010. I had just won my Republican primary, and I was focusing on recruiting and building my leadership team to take on a popular 10-term incumbent in the general election. Hunter was a graduate student, writing on political topics for his university paper and itching to get into a campaign fight to help win a Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

As it turned out, Hunter and I had many common interests, including military service. I used to train with his older brother, Jamie, who was in the Army National Guard while I was in the Marine Corps Reserve. Hunter had dissected my campaign and helped craft a plan for the campaign's final months that worked against all odds. We won.

Hunter served in various roles—he helped the transition, set up the office, and worked as a legislative aid and communications director before returning to the district to serve as my District Director/Deputy Chief of Staff. We put south Mississippians first.

In 2017, I asked Hunter to serve as my Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C. During his time as my Chief of Staff, Hunter focused on communicating with constituents and working on policy matters that impact the district. Always looking through the lens of how a policy might affect Mississippians, Hunter maneuvered our office to lead on keeping flood insurance available and affordable and making the Mississippi Sound whole from freshwater intrusion.

Hunter took a particular interest in aligning and maximizing the needs of Mississippi's federal assets, including the Stennis Space Center, our military installations, and shipbuilding capacity. He also focused on ensuring these entities received the federal appropriations and policy support to remain competitive and vibrant.

Most importantly, Hunter was responsive to constituent groups and elected officials, serving as their advocate on whatever issue they might bring, treating it as a top priority of the office, and more times than not, being successful on their behalf.

I appreciate Hunter's tireless energy in working to make my office successful. I am proud of our time together and our enduring friendship. I thank Hunter for his 8 years of dedicated service to Mississippi's 4th Congressional District.

Always Ready, Always There.

HONORING THE CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARTS ADVOCATE, JUDY LISI

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the career and contributions of Judy Lisi, a fierce leader in the Tampa arts community. After 30 years serving as CEO and President of Tampa's David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, the largest performing arts hall in the Southeastern United States, I congratulate and thank Judy for the incredible impact she has had on Tampa's cultural landscape.

Judy began her career with the Straz Center in 1992, just 5 years after the venue first opened its doors in downtown Tampa. She took on the opportunity to lead the performing arts center as she saw the great potential it held in advancing Tampa's arts scene and bringing together a community. Before her arrival in Tampa, Judy worked at the Shuber Theater in New Haven, Connecticut, just 2 hours away from New York City's Broadway stages. A Juilliard-trained soprano, Judy was able to apply her expertise and experience towards her ambitions for the Straz Center. Within her first year as President and CEO, Judy brought in a 20 percent increase in attendance at the venue, and her passion and determination led to continued growth from there. Throughout her tenure, she doubled the venue's number of stages, founded the Opera Tampa company and led production for original plays, including the musical "Wonderland," which made its way from Tampa to Broadway. Outside of theater, Judy grew the Straz's program offerings to include countless standup comedians and musicians over the years. From Tito Puente to Taylor Swift, Judy brought in a variety of performers to demonstrate the constant evolution of art and to share that excitement with so many members of our community. Judy also oversaw the creation of the Straz's Patel Conservatory, a performing arts training institution that offers opportunities for all ages and interests. The conservatory provides a safe space where students can receive various forms of performing arts education and encouragement to pursue their own artistic interests.

Judy's work has not only contributed towards people's engagement with the Straz Center, but with downtown Tampa. Today our neighbors can see a show at the Straz Center, stroll along the riverwalk or view the most recent exhibit at the Tampa Museum of Art, among many other landmarks. It is because of the determination and commitment of leaders like Judy that our community is able to take full advantage of Tampa's culture and history.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Judy Lisi for her dedication to arts education. We are immensely grateful for her leadership and service and wish her all the best in her retirement. Judy's legacy will be appreciated by and inspire many in the arts community, from Tampa to Broadway, for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CARMEN H. PEREZ

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness and the utmost respect that I take this time to remember one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Carmen H. Perez, beloved mother, grandmother, and educator of over 45 years. On Friday, December 16, 2022, Carmen passed away at the age of 89. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, students, and the many people whose lives she influenced.

Carmen H. Perez was a lifelong educator and taught at several school corporations throughout the region, including the Gary Community School Corporation, where she spent much of her career. Carmen's passion for the principles of early childhood development and inclusion led her to start the first bilingual preschool education program in the state of Indiana. In 2004, Carmen was presented with the Spirit of Justice Award by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, its highest honor, for her work dedicated to improving the integration and success of Latino students. Her true devotion to helping children and young adults succeed will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

In addition to her outstanding career, Carmen also had a passion for advocacy and civil service. She participated in the 1969 White House Conference on Food, Health, and Nutrition, and served as a delegate to both the 1970 White House Conference on Children and the 1971 NATO International Conference on Cities. In 1986, Carmen was invited by the United States Department of State to the Foreign Policy Conference for Leaders of National Minority and Women's Organizations. For her humble and unwavering civil service, Carmen is worthy of our praise and gratitude.

Carmen H. Perez is survived by her loving daughter, Nina, grandson, Michael (Hannah), best friend, Rose, and in March 2023, great-grandson, David. She will also be remembered by numerous friends, neighbors, and students for her truly outstanding contributions to her community and throughout the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and remembering Carmen H. Perez for her lifelong commitment to education and civil service. For her truly meaningful career and her devotion to so many virtuous causes, Carmen leaves a legacy that is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF VETERAN AND TIRELESS TRIAL LAWYER, JIM CLARK

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and contributions of James "Jim" W. Clark, a veteran and tireless trial lawyer of over 50 years, who passed away on July 30, 2022 at the age of 77.

Jim was born in Ocala, Florida and raised by his parents, Maxine and Earnest, along with his brother, Earnest Jr. He attended Ocala High School and upon graduating in 1962, went to the Gordon Military Academy before enrolling at the University of Florida (UF) on a ROTC scholarship in 1964. While at UF, Jim met his beloved wife, Velva Wells, and they married in 1965. The following year, Jim graduated from UF and commenced his military service in the U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group (Green Beret), 101st Airborne. Having served in the Vietnam War, Jim led a Special Forces A-Team and played a pivotal role in various combat operations with the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam—Studies and Observations Group (MACV—SOC). In honor of his incredible service, Jim was awarded multiple combat medals and ribbons. Following his assignment in Vietnam, Jim moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina with Velva and their daughter, Kimberly.

Jim's move to Tampa came in 1970 when he enrolled at the Stetson College of Law, all while continuing his service with the Army Reserves at MacDill Air Force Base. That same year, Jim and Velva welcomed their son, Dan.

Upon his graduation with honors in 1972, Jim commenced his legal career with the law firm of Peavyhouse, Giglio, Grant, Opp, Clark & Charlton, later known as "Clark & Martino." His son, Dan, later joined Jim at the firm in 1999. Jim was known to bring professionalism, kindness and even his own famous sayings to the firm. Some of his favorite sayings to share as he would head from the office to the courthouse were "Always stand 5 feet away from a qualified Army Ranger," "Nobody ever got fired for being early," and "Get the work done before you sit on your butt."

Having obtained Board Certification in Civil Trial from The Florida Bar, Jim worked as a leading preeminent trial lawyer for over 50 years. He held various memberships including those with The National Board of Trial Advocates and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Over the course of his career, Jim received numerous awards including the Hillsborough County Bar Association's "Michael A. Fogarty Memorial 'In the Trenches' Award," and the "Herbert G. Goldberg Award," the bar association's highest award given to a trial attorney.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Jim was endlessly devoted to his family. He is survived by his cherished wife of 57 years, Velva, his daughter, Kimberly Yarbrough and her husband, Ted; his son, Dan and his wife, Sandra; and his grandchildren, Clark Yarbrough, Kirk Daniel Yarbrough, Claudette Yarbrough, Reid Clark, Justin Clark and Wells Clark.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Jim Clark for his lifetime of service. From his courageous military service to his decades as a trial lawyer, Jim was a hardworking, generous and devoted individual. He was loved and respected by his family, his colleagues and all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace and his legacy live on and inspire others in our community for years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GEORGE GOULD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I honor and recognize the life and legacy of George Gould. Born in Buffalo in 1935, George was a graduate of Bishop Timon High School, where he was a standout athlete. He attended St. Bonaventure University, where he played basketball, and Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, where he played baseball. He went on to serve two years in the U.S. Marine Corps, from 1957 to 1959, at Camp LeJeune, S.C., where he was a member of the football and baseball teams.

Raised in the Old First Ward on Mackinaw Street, George Gould and his wife Kathryn later moved to the close-knit South Buffalo community to raise their family. Alongside his friend John Scanlon, George was one of the founding members of the Old First Ward South Buffalo Democratic Club and was honored as the influential political organization's Man of the Year.

George Gould was a scooper with the International Longshoremen's Association from 1960 to 1985 and served as a firefighter with the Buffalo Fire Department from 1963 to 1985. Mayor Griffin appointed Mr. Gould Director of Auditorium and Stadium Operations at War Memorial Stadium, Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, and Pilot Field. He held that position from 1981 to 1994.

To those who knew George best, his wife, Kathryn, his children, Kevin, G. Patrick, Brian, Elizabeth, Sheila, and Kerry Gould and his seven grandchildren, extended family members and to his many friends, George was known as a mentor and a true friend. George's dedication and service to the City of Buffalo and his support for the neighborhood will never be forgotten. Therefore, I am honored to recognize his legacy today.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my alma mater, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, as they celebrate 100 years, of educating students in Blair County.

Founded in 1922 as the "Altoona Catholic High School", the freshman class was composed of 87 pupils who would graduate in 1926.

Founded on the principals of goodness, discipline, and knowledge, Bishop Guilfoyle has become a thriving institution, a proven record of educational success and dedication to the faith.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School on this milestone and wish them ever continued success.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL O'NEILL UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PACIFICA CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mike O'Neill as he departs from the Pacifica City Council after ten years of dedicated and outstanding service. Before joining the council in 2012, Mike served on the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees for 14 years and on the Pacifica Planning Commission for six years. Mike's dedication to public service and his joviality will undoubtedly be missed by his colleagues and the public.

It takes a special kind of individual to spend hours studying for, and being in, meetings to resolve thorny issues such as housing, transportation congestion, airport noise, disaster preparedness and education. Mike is one of those special kind of individuals. During his tenure on the council, he served on the Airport Community Roundtable, the Joint School District/Water District/City Articulation Committee, the Pacific Coast Television Board, the Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo County Library JPA, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG).

It's been my pleasure and honor to work with Mike and his fellow councilmembers on many issues. Mike is always looking for solutions and ways to collaborate and compromise. He has participated in several union contract negotiations and set spending priorities and managed budgets for his coastal hometown of 40,000 residents.

Pacifica spreads along six miles of the Pacific Ocean. It's world famous as a surfing destination and offers spectacular open spaces for hiking. When you hike to the top of Sweeney Ridge you can take in an awe-inspiring view of the Pacific Ocean, Crystal Springs Reservoir and San Francisco Bay. From the bluffs of Mori Point and Pedro Point Headlands you can watch humpback whales frolicking in the water. Pacifica is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. However, the power of the ocean has also created challenges for the city. The pounding surf, coastal erosion and sea level rise have undermined and destroyed infrastructure. Mike, along with the council and city staff, have worked closely with my office to find funding to secure the seawall at Beach Boulevard and Esplanade Boulevard where buildings were literally crumbling into the ocean and had to be demolished.

During the COVID pandemic lockdown, the beaches in Pacifica were a magnet for people from all over the Bay Area. So many people were flocking to the coast that the city had to restrict access. Those were difficult decisions during difficult times, but Mike and his colleagues were doing their best to keep people safe.

Schools are front and center in Mike's life. In his day job, he works for the Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City. For 14 years, he drove a school bus. If you have any doubt that Mike understands what teenagers are thinking about, think again. He just recently moved to Adult Education as a transition navigator in which capacity he helps adults with resumes, life skills and job